

20 Pct. Of Lincolnites Live In Lower Level Housing

City's Fringe Areas Worst, Loder Asserts

Dr. Roland H. Loder, director of the city-county health department, has estimated that approximately 20 per cent of Lincoln's population lives in lower level housing.

About 20 per cent of that number, he guessed, could be materially benefited if given the opportunity to live in better quarters. They are simply people with low incomes, he said, who cannot afford a better place to live.

Dr. Loder described the worst areas as the fringe of the city to the southwest, north and northeast. There are about 700 outhouses in that area, he said, and some of the quarters don't even have water facilities. Outside wells can be seen all over," he said.

According to Dr. Loder, Lincoln is still better off in that regard than the average city of the same size. A detailed survey would have to be taken, he said, to determine the exact number of low level housing units.

One-Half Need Help

About one-half of the 20 per cent, he said, do not want to be helped and would not be benefited if given the opportunity. Low level places which could be vacated, he said, would have to be destroyed or someone would come from some place and occupy them again.

Dr. Loder summed up the problem in this manner: "Wherever you have poor housing you have poor sanitation. You then have poor health which breeds filth and debris. That then breeds rats and flies to spread disease."

There is always a fringe group, he said, which has to be helped, whether it like it or not. Otherwise there is poverty and disease which will eventually spread over into the better population.

"Lincoln," he said, "is justly proud of its comparatively clean city. I would think it would be proud also to help those people of lesser circumstances. If not from a humanitarian point of view then out of self protection alone."

Low cost housing, he said, has proved very beneficial in solving the problem in many cities throughout the country.

Mayor Victor E. Anderson stated that people living in the low level places should be given an opportunity to move to Husker-ville. There are 180 vacancies there, he said.

If more places are needed, he said, then a citizen's committee should be appointed to determine the low rent housing needs. He said he was looking into the problem and giving it serious consideration.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday

Adventist, prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.; College View Adventist, prayer meeting, 8 p.m.; Assembly of God—Prayer service, 10 a.m.; prayer and praise, 8 p.m.

First Pentecostal, Deaf life hour, 7:30 p.m.; Second Baptist, Women's mission society tea, 2:15 p.m.; Hour of Power, 7:15 p.m.

East Lincoln Christian, prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Central Christian and Missionary Alliance, Bible study, Hebrews chapter, 7:30 p.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, testimonial meeting, 8 p.m.

Church of God, midweek prayer service, 7:45 p.m.

Ebenezer Congregational, midweek service, 7:45 p.m.

First-Plymouth Congregational, carillon concert, 7 p.m.; Paul Evangelical and Reformed, Women's Aid, church parlors, 1:30; council, church parlors, 7:30 p.m.; First Evangelical Covenant, women's meeting, 7:45 p.m.

Southminster Evangelical United Brethren, midweek service, adult school, 7:45 p.m.

Mesopotamia Gospel, Bible study and prayer, 7:45 p.m.

Free Methodist, prayer meeting, 7:45 p.m.

Havelock Bible Church, midweek service, 8 p.m.

College View Interdenominational, midweek prayer meeting, 7:45 p.m.

Kimball Hall Jehovah's Witnesses, Bible study, 8 p.m., subject, "How to Become a Preacher of Good News."

Alpha Club, K.V.B., women's missionary society, 8 p.m.; voters' meeting following.

Christ Lutheran, guild, 10 a.m., with Mrs. G. Wiedman, 4144 Garfield.

First Lutheran, Women's Missionary society, 2 p.m., the church.

Grace Lutheran, Junior Walther league, 7:30 p.m.

Bryan Memorial Methodist, Women's society, 7:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Methodist, W.S.C.S., with Mrs. Van Winkle, 915 No. 65th, 2 p.m.

Epworth Methodist, W.S.C.S., general session, Bible study, 12:30; luncheon, 1 p.m., at church.

Grace Methodist, Red Cross sewing, 10 a.m., 6 p.m.

First Nazarene, prayer meeting, 7:45 p.m.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, prayer service, 8 p.m.

Union Club, 8 p.m., subject, "God Is the Answer."

First Wesleyan Methodist, Bible study and prayer meeting, 8 p.m.

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Parking Lot Proposal Protested By Residents

Twenty-four residents of the area have filed protests with the city council to the application of Morris Lotman for permission to operate a parking lot at 3317 A. He requests a change from residential to local business in the zoning.

The request was sent with three to the zoning board of appeals. The other three are:

Don Dick, for renewal of permit to operate a job printing press at 4612 Stockwell.

Archie Furr, Jr., for permit to erect a Hand System Stores, Inc., from residence B to local business at 709 North Twenty-seventh.

Gasoline tax collections in July for imports in June showed a three per cent decline from the previous month and a 23 per cent drop from the same month of the previous year when the added cent of tax was collected, Clay Wright, chief of the motor fuels division, reported.

Excessive rains were attributed as the cause of the drop in gasoline use by Rufus Howard, director of agriculture, who pointed out that the wet weather greatly hampered use of motorized equipment on farms.

Highway Traffic Increases

R. F. Weller, chief highway engineer, said that although traffic on highways increased about 10 per cent the wet weather had prevented use of heavy industrial equipment on highways and other places which aided in reducing gasoline consumption.

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Stamps chapter, 307, O.E.S. stated meeting and initiation, 8 p.m.

Penguin club, Y.W.C.A. 8 p.m.

Citizens Group Backs County Valuation Plan

The Citizens Council has recommended city council co-operation with the county in setting up a board for scientific re-evaluation of property within the county.

The resolution adopted by the council said in part that the group has endorsed such a re-evaluation "for the purpose of effecting a sound and fair equalization of taxes in Lincoln and Lancaster county."

In endorsing such scientific re-evaluation of properties, said the Council, the Citizens Council is in no sense advocating any increase in the tax load. The Council's sole purpose is to spread the tax burden fairly among all taxpayers on the basis of a scientific and up-to-date appraisal of taxable property.

Cost Burden Proper

It would be entirely proper, said the Council, for the city to bear a reasonable cost of such re-evaluation. The county has asked the city to contribute \$25,000 toward the project.

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said that the city council should give the matter study. If the plan is adopted, he said, then the city should have something to say on carrying out the project.

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Council Approves Parallel Parking On M Street Block

The city council Monday approved an ordinance on third reading calling for parallel parking on M street between Thirtieth and Fourteenth.

The only other third reading ordinance approved grants permission to build on vacated Hillside between Thirtieth and Thirteenth.

Approving a motion by Councilman Rees Wilkinson, the council suspended the rules and sent to second reading an ordinance calling for the widening and paving of Fifteenth from K to M. The ordinance calls for Fifteenth to be widened 10 feet on each side, making its total width 70 feet.

The following ordinances providing for the creation of special districts were introduced Monday:

Curving and guttering of Fifty-seventh from Cleveland to Adams.

Grading of Valley road from Forty-fourth to Forty-ninth, Bryson from Valley road to Forty-eighth, Hill drive from Valley road to Forty-seventh, and Forty-seventh from Hill drive to Bryson.

Grading of Fifty-seventh from Cleveland to Adams and from Thirty-fifth to Forty-first.

Scaling of Valley road from Forty-fourth to Forty-eighth in L from Fifty-sixth to Cotter boulevard.

Scaling in alley between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth and B to Cotter.

The council also approved an estimate of \$4,500 for the cost of construction of a water district in Y from Cotter to Sixty-sixth and Cotter from X to Y.

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